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Every Thursday

Beer Bill Passes House By Vote of 316 to 97

Washington, March 14—President Roosevelt's third major proposal of the special session—the Cullen 3.2 per cent beer bill—was rushed through an enthusiastic house today to the senate where Democratic leaders confidently predicted speedy approval.

Uproarious during three hour of debate in which the minority prohibitionists hammered vainly against the administration's revenue legislation, the house overwhelmingly passed the bill, 316 to 97.

Party lines were shattered. Fifty-eight Democrats and 39 Republicans, including Representatives Greenwood of Indiana, Democratic whip, and Snell of New York, Republican leader, voted in opposition.

Wildly supporting the measure that is expected to bring in from \$125,000,000 to \$150,000,000 annually in revenue, 238 Democrats, 73 Republicans and five farmer-laborites shoved the measure through with applause and cheers. The last house, on December 21, passed the bill, 230 to 160.

Action came within less than 30 hours after President Roosevelt yesterday sent an unexpected message to Congress asking for immediate passage for revenue purposes and to fulfill the party's pledge to modify the Volstead act to permit the manufacture and sale of beer.

Shortly after the measure was received in the senate, Chairman Harrison had it referred to the finance committee, and called that group into executive session tomorrow with a view to reporting it for action as soon as the President's now pending economy proposals have been approved.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, said "we have the votes to pass it." The plan is to accept the house bill that levies a tax of \$5 on a barrel of 31 gallons.

Before final passage in the house, Speaker Rainey again broke custom and had his name called so he could vote for the bill. His predecessors usually voted only in case of a tie.

The measure leaves all regulatory and control methods to the states; allows advertising; requires brewers to pay an annual license fee of \$1,000 on each brewery; provides for protection to dry states through re-enactment of the Webb-Kenyon law, preventing interstate transportation of the beverage into prohibition bound commonwealths. Home brewers for home consumption do not come within the purview of the act.

Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska are included, but the District of Columbia was excluded. No provision was made for wines or fruit juices. Penalties are imposed for violations.

The anti-prohibitionists threw their support behind Representative Cullen of New York, Tammany chieftain, assistant party leader, and sponsor of the measure. The bill was brought up for consideration under threat of drastic procedure which Speaker Rainey had notified opponents he would invoke should steps be taken to block action.

Representative Byrns of Tennessee, the majority leader, obtained house consent to limit debate to three hours and preclude all amendment. The Democratic dry leader, Representative Blanton of Texas, conceded the measure would pass when he said he would kill it if he could but he realized "it can't be stopped."

"The President in his message," Cullen told the house in opening debate, "made it emphatic that he deemed it highly important that this legislation be passed by Congress immediately in order to provide for a proper and much needed revenue and the country agrees with him."

"I stand here, Mr. Chairman, advocating the balancing of the budget at this special session of Congress. The President has already impressed upon the Congress the urgency of such a step, and the passage of the beer bill will go a long way to-

wards helping to alleviate distress and suffering in this country.

"It has been conservatively estimated by treasury experts that we can raise between 125,000,000 and 150,000,000 millions of dollars in revenue the first year. If the house will adopt this bill, we will in my opinion be performing our duty to the electorate of the country, and assist in raising a substantial part of much needed revenue, thereby helping to place the nation's credit on a sound financial basis."

Leading the opposition, Blanton directed his remarks at Cullen and said "the author of this bill did not have the effrontery to say that this beer is intoxicating."

"Did you read the title of the bill?" Representative O'Connor, Democrat, New York, inquired. The bill is titled—"a bill to maintain the credit of the United States."

"The title doesn't amount to a damn," Blanton shouted. "I want to say to the 164 new members of this house that beer didn't send you here."

"If so why was that great wet senator, Bingham, of Connecticut, left at home? why was Blaine of Wisconsin left at home? why was Schafer of Wisconsin left at home?"

"Because they were Republicans," a voice shouted from the floor.

"The Hoodoo"

A play will be presented Friday night, March 17th, at 7:30 o'clock in the Madison high school auditorium.

The name of the play is "The Hoodoo." The purpose of it is to get money to buy letters for those who made the basketball teams. It will be given by all those who went out for basketball. The play is directed by Misses Outz and Poston. The admission will be 10c for all school children and 20c for all adults. The cast of characters follows:

Brighton Early, about to be married, James Tucker.
Billy Jackson, the heart breaker, William Wade Gentry.
Professor Solomon Spigot, an authority on Egypt, Harold Spire.

Hemachus Spigot, his son, aged 17, Philip Webster.
Mr. Malachi Meek, a lively old gentleman of sixty-nine, Melvin Steele.
Mr. Dun, the burglar, Frank Reynolds.

Miss Amy Lee, about to be married—Janie Gilbert.
Mrs. Perrington-Shine, her aunt and Mr. Meek's daughter, Helen Hamner.
Gwendolyn Perrington-Shine, who does just as mama says, Katherine Dillon.

Dodo De Craft, the dazzling daisy, Nelle Tucker.
Mrs. Ima Clinger, a fascinating young widow, Daisy Martin.

Angelina, her angel child, aged eight, Sadie Martin Wall.
Miss Doris Ruffles, Amy's maid of honor, Louise Moore.
Mrs. Semiramis Spigot, the mother of seven, Eloise Wall.
Eupesia Spigot, her daughter, aged sixteen, Dorothy Hughes.

Miss Longnecker, a public school teacher, Dorothy Ragsdale.

Lulu, by name and nature, Grace Carter.
Aunt Paradise, the colored cook lady, Opal Snead.

Four Little Spigots—Margaret Martin, Frances Cardwell, Mary Rieves Lassiter, Jack Webster.

Mother Dead

Ted Rorrer has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the death of his mother, which occurred at her home in Carroll county, Va., last week. A large number of friends from this place attended the burial services Friday afternoon. Mr. Rorrer has been a resident of Madison for the past few years and has built up a large circle of friends.

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STONEVILLE

Misses Brewer and Craver spent the week end at their homes.

Mesdames Scott, Clarence Stone, Otis Stone, Aaron Turner and Miss Margaret Scott visited Greensboro Saturday.

Miss Martha and Duke Rodenhizer are on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Roberts, near Leaksville.

The Methodist Missionary Society held their meeting at the home of Mrs. L. M. Heflin. Twelve members were present. The subject for the month was the work of deaconesses in the church. An interesting reading on this subject was given by Mrs. L. W. Kelley. Mrs. Lineberger gave a solo. Mrs. R. B. Price read the devotionals. During the social hour refreshments were served by the hostess. The April meeting will be held with Mrs. C. L. Joyce.

Stoneville Wholesale Grocery Store was entered Wednesday night and about \$500 worth of cigars, cigarettes, hosiery, automobile tires and other things taken.

The P.-T. A. gave an interesting program in the school auditorium Tuesday night. The meeting commemorated Founder's Day, it being twenty-five years old. A large birthday cake was lighted and appropriate remarks made. The audience was delightfully regaled with cake and punch.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor spent the week end in Winston-Salem.

The Glee Club from Leaksville gave quite a good entertainment in the school auditorium Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Patterson of Pilot Mountain have been on a recent visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Patterson.

Miss Lorene Matthews of Leaksville visited Mrs. C. H. Matthews recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Willis of Madison and B. H. King of Reidsville were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Robertson Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Fagg and daughter of Kernersville have been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fagg.

Henry Belton of Danville spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. King spent Wednesday in Cascade.

L. F. Price has returned from a visit to Washington City.

Rev. J. W. Campbell returned Friday from a visit to Lexington.

Rev. Mr. Hurst of Mount Airy preached in the Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Rivers Ivie and Sanford Pitts of Leaksville visited in town Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Hodgins and son, Jack, of Thomasville visited in town Sunday.

Mrs. Nat Lewis has returned from an extended visit to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. J. A. Scales and Mrs. T. J. Glenn visited Lynchburg Thursday.

Mesdames Otis Stone, Clarence Stone, Clarence Smith, H. L. Glenn, Aaron Turner and Miss Margaret Scott attended a party in Mayodan Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Glenn and children spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Payne near Madison.

Southern California Shaken By Quakes

Southern California has been visited by many earthquakes during the past several days, which left death and desolation. Many cities and towns are in ruins, while the loss of life is estimated at 125 to 150, with thousands injured. Massive buildings are in ruins, and the property loss is estimated at \$60,000,000. Soldiers and marines are on the job preserving order and preventing looting. It is truly a great calamity, but the people of the various sections are undismayed and are preparing to rebuild the devastated cities and towns.

Catawba county sweet potato growers are selling their crop at 30 to 40 cents a bushel at the curing house doors. This is a low price but in line with other farm prices, say the growers.

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High Spots of Mr. Roosevelt's Banking Talk

Washington, March 12—High spots of President Roosevelt's banking talk tonight were:

"Let me make it clear that the banks will take care of all needs—and it is my belief that hoarding during the past week has become an exceedingly unfashionable pastime."

"We have provided the machinery to restore our financial system; it is up to you to support and make it work."

"It was the government's job to straighten out this situation and do it as quickly as possible—and the job is being performed."

"I can assure you that it is safer to keep your money in a reopened bank than under the mattress."

"It needs no prophet to tell you that when the people find that they can get their money—that they can get it when they want it for all legitimate purposes—the phantom of fear will soon be laid."

"State banks not members of the federal reserve system can and will receive assistance from member banks and from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation."

"Let me make it clear to you that if your bank does not open the first day you are by no means justified in believing that it will not open. A bank that opens on one of the subsequent days is exactly the same status as the bank that open tomorrow."

"Your government does not intend that the history of the past few years shall be repeated. We do not want and will not have another epidemic of bank failures."

"I can never be sufficiently grateful to the people for the loyal support they have given me in their acceptance of the judgment that has dictated our course, even though all our processes may not have seemed clear to them."

"This currency is not fiat currency. It is issued only on adequate security—and every good bank has an abundance of such security."

Tar Heels Assigned To Important Posts

Washington, March 13.—A complete slate of Democratic assignments to house standing committees and a partial list of Republican appointments were completed today by party chiefs.

The Democratic assignments were approved by party caucus. The Republican assignments were made by a committee on committees which includes one member from every state having Republican representation.

Both slates must be approved by the house.

With the exception of rules, ways and means and appropriations, which retain a fixed party division from year to year, Democrats will out number Republicans 17 to 8 on the major committees and 15 to 6 on the smaller. The assignments to major committees include:

Rules—Democrat: Pou, North Carolina, chairman; Bankhead, of Alabama; Cox, of Georgia; Driver, of Arkansas, and Smith, of Virginia.

Ways and Means—Democrats: Oliver, of Alabama; Sandlin, of Louisiana; Collins, of Mississippi; Hastings, of Oklahoma; Woodrum, of Virginia; Abernethy, of North Carolina; McMillan, of South Carolina.

Banking and currency—Democrats: Steagall, of Alabama, chairman; Brand, of Georgia; Busby, of Mississippi; Hancock, of North Carolina.

Interstate commerce—Democrats: Huddleston, of Alabama; Bulwinkle, of North Carolina; Maloney, of Louisiana; Republicans: Reece, of Tennessee.

Agriculture—Democrats: Fulmer, of South Carolina; Doxy, of Mississippi; Clover, of Arkansas; Mitchell, of Tennessee; Flannagan, of Virginia.

Judiciary—Democrats: Montague, of Virginia; Browning, of Tennessee; Tarver, of Georgia; Weaver, of North Carolina; Miller, of Arkansas.

Foreign affairs—Democrats: McReynolds, of Tennessee, chairman; Lambeth, of North Carolina; Castellow, of Georgia; Coldwell, of Florida.

Tobacco Specialist To Be Here Friday

On Friday afternoon, March 17, at 2 o'clock E. Y. Floyd, state tobacco specialist, will meet with the tobacco growers of the community in Madison high school auditorium, to discuss the culture of tobacco. On the night of March 17th, at 7:30 a similar meeting will be held at Stoneville school. During these meetings fertilization, disease control, cultivation and other topics of interest to tobacco growers will be discussed. Farmers of the two communities are urged to attend these meetings.

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John Pleasant Price Died Last Sunday

John Pleasant Price, 63 a native of Rockingham county, died at his home in Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon. He had been in declining health for some time. He moved from Leaksville in 1918 and was purchasing agent of the P. H. Hanes Knitting company.

Mr. Price is survived by his wife, who, prior to her marriage, was Miss Carrie Scott; three daughters, Mrs. John F. Hinterhoff, of Union City, N. J.; Mrs. N. A. Hopper, of Greensville, Pa., and Miss Laura Price, of Winston-Salem; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Lou Price of California.

The funeral services were conducted from Vogler's Funeral Chapel Monday afternoon and the remains were taken to Leaksville for interment, being laid to rest in the Presbyterian cemetery.

New Fishing Law Has Passed House

The bill to make it unlawful to sein, trap or in any way catch fish in the Dan, Mayo and Smith rivers in Rockingham and Stokes counties, except with hook and line and rod and reel, has finally been passed in the House and ordered sent to the Senate. The measure was introduced by Representatives Binford and Mebane, of Rockingham, and Phillips of Stokes, and Smith's river was added in an amendment.

The bill permits residents of Rockingham and Stokes counties to fish with hook and line without securing a license to fish.

Educational Rally

There will be an educational rally at the colored school auditorium next Monday night, the 20th, at which several white speakers, both ladies and gentlemen, will be heard. In fact, they will be the only ones participating in the rally, except the musical part of the program, which will be conducted by members of the colored school, and will embrace, choruses, duets, solos and spirituals. Special reserved seats will be provided for the white friends of the school who may attend, and principal of the school, S. A. Penn, extends to them a most hearty welcome.

At Baptist Church

(O. E. Ward, Pastor)
Sunday school convenes promptly at 10 A. M. Classes for all. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Subject "Why do Christians Suffer?" Evening service 7:30. Subject "The Supreme Offering to Christ." Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. We invite you to worship with us at these services—you will always find a cordial welcome.

MAYODAN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Danville were visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Smith of Martinsville spent the week end in town.

Talmage Sisk of El Paso, Texas, spent the past two weeks with his mother.

Mrs. Jennie Redman spent the past week in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Heath of Martinsville spent Sunday with Mrs. N. A. Gilbert.

Mrs. Copeland and daughter left Saturday for Fries.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grubbs and children of Winston-Salem visited Mrs. Lucy Gann Sunday.

Miss Nina Sisk left Sunday for Booneville.

Mrs. Glenn Simpson and little daughter of Leaksville visited Mrs. T. H. Price Sunday.

Mrs. Harvey Neal and son spent the past week with Mrs. A. H. Roberts.

Misses Virginia Smith and Martha Powell and Inky Yates spent Sunday afternoon in Winston-Salem.

Miss Ruby Price of Winston-Salem is spending a few days in town.

E. F. Duncan, Clayton White, Marcus Simpson, H. Purgason, Joseph Dalton and Douglas Alred spent the week end in Washington, D. C.

Guy Poole of Roanoke spent a few days with his parents.

Claud Bailey of Winston-Salem visited in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Johnson of Bassett spent the week end with relatives.

F. L. Matthews, Misses Garnette Reynolds and Gladys Matthews spent Tuesday afternoon in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Iona Bowles of Madisonville, Ky., is visiting Mrs. Crick man.

Weldon Johnson spent the past week in Sparta.

Mrs. Sam Adkins and Miss Bettie Wilson continue quite ill at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson spent the first of the week in town.

Mrs. Kate Case is spending a few days in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. P. T. Heath and Miss Winnie Cox of Martinsville visited relatives Tuesday.

Mrs. W. M. Walters is spending several days in Martinsville.

Vernon Smith spent a few days in Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin and small son spent Sunday in Reidsville.

A Correction

Now, and for the past ten or more years, visitors to Rockingham county home, report to the outsiders that the keepers of the county home relate to them that an inmate of the home now, a half wit, named Ella, is the kinswoman of a prominent Madison woman.

This woman's kinswoman, Ella Harris, died years ago and for some years prior to her death she was domiciled in a cabin near Wentworth, but not in the county home. Ella Harris was born in Madison December 1856. This would cause her to be nearly 80 years old, had she lived. When a small child she had epileptic fits, a malady which might light, on one's child now, and incapacitate it from earning its living.

NANCY WATKINS.

Tom Foy Shot in Hip

There was a big dance in Walnut Cove Tuesday night by the colored people, and Madison had a large delegation present, we understand. Tom Foy and Pete Cardwell, two colored young men of this place, were present and got into an argument over some frivolous matter. Pete ended, abruptly, the argument by drawing his pistol and shooting Tom in the left hip. He received medical attention in Walnut Cove and was brought home. The wound is very painful but is not considered serious. Today, Wednesday, no action had been taken by the Walnut Cove officers, so far as we can learn.

Thirty-five Chatham county farmers are planting new pastures this spring.

Luke Lee and Son Are Now In Tennessee Jail

Clarksville, Tenn., March 14.—Arrested more than a month after their extradition to North Carolina was ordered, Col. Luke Lea, Nashville publisher, and his son, Luke Lea, Jr., were placed in jail here today pending a habeas corpus hearing on Monday.

Col. Lea, a former United States senator, and his son were convicted in Asheville in August, 1931, on charges of violating state banking laws in connection with the collapse of the Central Bank and Trust company.

The elder Lea was sentenced to from six to 10 years in the state penitentiary and Lea, Jr., was given an alternative sentence of two to six years or \$25,000 in fines and costs.

They were taken into custody on a warrant signed by Gov. Hill McAlister on February 7, when he honored a requisition from the governor of North Carolina for their removal to that state.

Sheriff W. E. Beaumont, of Mountgomery county, Clarksville, made the arrests at the request of Sheriff Laurence E. Brown and Deputy Sheriff Frank Lakey, of Asheville, designated in the warrant as the agents to return the Leas to North Carolina.

Immediately after the Leas' arrest, County Judge John T. Cunningham granted a writ of

habeas corpus and set the hearing for 10 a. m. Monday. However, the judge refused application of the Leas' counsel for bond and they were turned over to Sheriff Beaumont, who placed them in separate cells in the county jail.

Judge Cunningham also denied a request by the Leas' counsel for an extension of time before the hearing, but said that "if necessary" a continuance might be granted Monday.

In their efforts to escape the sentences, the father and son carried their fight to the North Carolina Supreme court and later to the United States Supreme court, but without success. The former sustained the convictions and the latter refused to review the case. Next they resisted removal to North Carolina in an extradition hearing.

Governor McAlister granted the requisition on the afternoon of February 7 and later that day the Leas surrendered to Sheriff J. M. Peavyhouse of Fentress county at Jamestown. Whereabouts of the Leas was unknown for several days before they surrendered.

Habeas corpus proceedings were instituted, but three judges refused to hear their petition and several days later they came to Clarksville. While here they stayed at the home of a friend.

MOLES EAT INSECTS RATHER THAN GRAIN

While it may appear that moles cause tremendous damage to field crops, flower beds and vegetable gardens, the little animals are more interested in the insects and worms which they capture than in the seeds which may come their way.

"We are all familiar with the winding ridges of dirt raised by the mole in making his runways. These are feeding tunnels made as the little animal searches for the worms and bugs which are his standard diet," says A. E. Oman, rodent control leader for the United States Biological Survey at the State College. "The home dens are larger cavities and ordinarily are located under stumps, rocks, stone walls or other surface objects. Sometimes field mice invade these runways and complete destruction of planted corn or garden seeds pushed aside by the mole and thus cause the blame to fall on him."

Moles are not entirely innocent of eating seed and grain, Oman says. Often they will do much damage to bulb flowers. In eating corn, for instance, the animals hurls the germ end and eats the germ. It does not eat the starchy portion. A mole may burrow down a corn row for 100 yards and eat only the germs of five or six kernels. After that, it pushes them aside as so much clay and seeks to satisfy its avid appetite for worms and insects.

Field mice on the other hand may do considerable damage to grain crops, especially where they adjoin a straw field or brush land.

Moles may be controlled by trapping and field mice are readily poisoned with strychnine-treated wheat or crushed oats, the biologist says.

Not Married

Miss Nannie Pigg denies most emphatically that she is married. Last week, not being able to see Miss Pigg personally, The Messenger announced that it was currently reported that she and Peter Young had plighted troth. The report was current, and was freely talked all over town. However, we correct the rumor, and cheerfully make the statement that it was without foundation and at the same time regret our part in helping along the false rumor, begging the pardon of all parties concerned.

Hoarding Carries A Heavy Fine; The Law

The Bank of Madison has received the following, which explains itself.

The Emergency Banking Bill provides for a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than ten years, or both, of persons guilty of hoarding gold, gold certificates or currency; and any officer, director or agent of any corporation who knowingly participates in such violation shall be punished by like imprisonment or both.

If any customer attempts to withdraw any large or unusual amount of currency, their particular attention should be called to this ruling and the law in order to save trouble both to them and to your officers.